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K-9 Kai Retires

Story On Back Cover.

From the Staff ...

Major Ronald K. Replogle
Criminal Investigation Bureau



Once again it is my turn to write the "From the Staff" article for the *Patrol News*. This time around a topic quickly came to mind. I would like to comment on my observations during the trial of Lance Shockley for the murder of Sergeant Carl Dewayne Graham Jr. I had the privilege of attending the entire six-day-long trial in Howell County.

I have been involved in many murder investigations and trials throughout my Patrol career, but never one involving the murder of a Patrol member. I also had never been allowed to stay in the courtroom from opening remarks to the announcement of the verdict. I have always been a witness and not allowed to do so in the past. For this investigation, I was at the command post during the initial days of the investigation coordinating resources as the captain of DDCC at the time. I did not get involved in any investigative activity that required my testimony.

I am sure that most of you have heard by now: Lance Shockley was found guilty of first-degree murder by a jury of his peers from his home county, Carter County.

The trial was obviously a very emotionally charged week for all who attended, especially for Dewayne's family and his co-workers from Troop G. I am sure I had greeted Dewayne in passing either at GHQ or in Troop G in years past, but I cannot say I knew him personally. The lead prosecutor in the trial, Kevin Zoellner, from the Missouri Attorney General's Office, did an outstanding job of introducing Dewayne to me, the jury members, and others who did not personally know Dewayne. He was obviously a very dedicated father and member of the Patrol. His memory and legacy will truly live on forever in both his immediate and Patrol families.

We rose when the jury re-entered the courtroom to announce the verdict. I have never experienced the range of emotions going through my body at that moment. They ran the gamut from fear to relief and everything in between. Certainly justice was served when the jury foreman announced the unanimous guilty verdict. The verdict will never bring Dewayne back and it will not erase the pain that his family and friends have experienced for the past four years, but it does put your faith back in a justice system that works. I was pleased that the jury saw through the defense tactics of attacking the investigation and the officers involved. Although they could not unanimously arrive at a sentence, they did their job in rendering the appropriate verdict based on the evidence at hand. [On Friday, May 22, Judge David Evans sentenced Lance Shockley to death.]

I would like to close by thanking everyone that took part in this lengthy and, at times, frustrating process. Each of the Patrol members and employees that testified did so in a professional, dedicated manner. I know Dewayne would have been proud of his co-workers for a job well done!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Replogle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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HISTORICAL DISPLAY TO BENEFIT THE MASTERS

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

In late December 2008, Mr. John Crone, from the National Rifle Association, contacted Captain J. Tim Hull, Q/PIED, with an unusual request. Mr. Crone was contacting the Missouri State Highway Patrol on behalf of the Friends of NRA. This charitable organization is a fundraising arm of the NRA Foundation. The funds raised are awarded in the form of grants to groups such as 4-H, Boys Scouts of America, and local gun clubs. The funds also help cover the costs of gun safety programs for young people, such as Eddie Eagle.

The Friends of NRA were interested in a joint project with the Patrol. The group had learned that the Browning Automatic Rifle used by the Barrow Gang was in the Patrol's Safety Education Center. They proposed to fire rounds through the Bonnie and Clyde weapon in such a way as to be able to retrieve the shell and casing. These items would be placed into a display with a certificate of authenticity signed by Colonel James F. Keathley. The displays would be auctioned as a fundraiser.

After discussions were complete, and approval gained, the Bonnie and Clyde BAR took a trip to the Patrol's Crime Laboratory for evaluation. The Firearms Section checked the safety and functionality of the weapon, then cleaned and oiled the rifle, which functioned without fail. Then, Sergeant C. Rod Land, Q/TND, and Cpl. Jeffrey L. White, Q/TND, fired the BAR on December 22, 2008, verifying its functionality.

On January 5, 2009, Mr. Crone, Sgts. Land and White, and Capt. Hull met at the Academy Firing Range to fire the BAR. The fired rounds were captured in a five-gallon bucket filled with sand. Mr. Crone hand loaded all of the rounds to be fired through the BAR, in order to load them light on powder, thus lowering their velocity and aiding in their capture. The Public Information and Education Division acquired 45 of the bullets and casings. All of the bullets have signed certificates of authenticity.

In appreciation of the Patrol's participation in the project, the NRA Foundation donated \$1,000 in supplies and

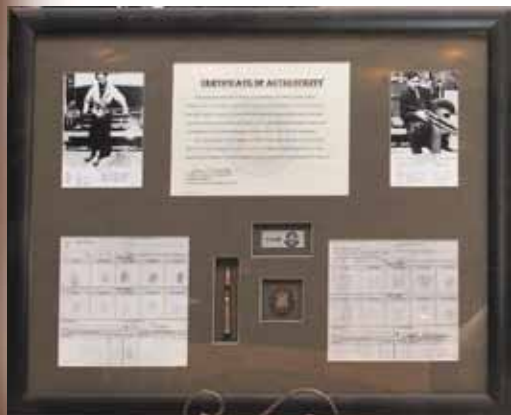
This Bonnie and Clyde display was created by the Missouri State Troopers Association as a fundraiser for The MASTERS.



Sgt. C. Rod Land, Q/TND, observes as guests from the NRA Foundation fire the BAR.

labor to the Patrol's Safety Education Center for exhibit upgrades. PIED chose to include the Missouri State Troopers Association and The MASTERS (Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society) in a fundraising project. MOSTA developed a professionally framed display with one bullet, one casing, a certificate signed by Colonel Keathley, photos of Bonnie and Clyde, fingerprint cards of Bonnie and Clyde, and a Patrol challenge coin. On the back of the framed display is a copy of the original 1933 Patrol report describing the shootout with Bonnie and Clyde in Joplin, MO, where the BAR was seized.

The first 10 displays were awarded through bidding. The high bid acquired display #1 for \$1,250. Due to the success of this first "auction", MOSTA is now making the next 10 displays available by bidding until June 15, 2009. All of the funds raised will be shared between MOSTA and The MASTERS.



DPS, Missouri Recognize Patrol Employees

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

It's a bumper crop in 2009! In the first four months of the year, DPS has named Patrol personnel as employees of the month three times, and awarded a Meritorious Service Award once. Two of those employees then became state employees of the month!

In a ceremony March 18, 2009, DPS Director John M. Britt presented the January 2009 Meritorious Service Award to MVI III Jonathan P. Blue, Troop D. MVI Blue was recognized for going the extra mile to help an elderly gentleman. Distraught citizens in Freistat, MO, flagged MVI Blue down on his way home from work one day. When he evaluated the situation, he found an elderly gentleman who had fallen and severely injured himself. MVI Blue called for an ambulance, helped load the gentleman, then arranged an air ambulance when it was determined the patient was too critical to go by ground. MVI Blue then transported the gentleman's wife to her home and stayed with her until a neighbor could come.

"To see you go the extra mile, after your initial action, really touched me," said Director Britt. "Thank you."

MVI III Jonathan Blue (center) accepted a DPS Meritorious Award from DPS Dir. John Britt (right). Col. James F. Keathley (left) also congratulated MVI Blue.



Captain David P. Perkins, Q/MVI, commended MVI Blue by saying, "I want to publicly congratulate you and thank you for your extra effort. You certainly exemplify the kind of people we want working for us."

That same day, Corporal Russell A. Seaton, Q/GD, accepted the February 2009 DPS Employee of the Month award. Cpl. Seaton was selected for this award for his ability to take a seemingly small, simple incident and utilize his training to uncover important information regarding several serious crimes. In his investigation, Cpl. Seaton discovered the suspect had several outstanding warrants. Through a post arrest interview, Cpl. Seaton was able to elicit

additional information implicating gang members in two unsolved homicides, and numerous burglaries and drug dealings in the St. Louis area. St. Louis City Metropolitan Police Department confirmed that the information provided matched information from the two unsolved murders, and they will be working with the Patrol on additional related investigations.

At the award ceremony, Captain

Lester Elder, Q/GD, said, "Sammy knew something wasn't right. He obtained information that assisted other agencies. His work is outstanding, and I'm pleased to have him in the division."

Director Britt also recognized Sergeant Dale O. Jinkens by presenting him with the March 2009 DPS Employee of the Month award. The award is related to an incident on November 22, 2008. Sgt. Jinkens stopped a suspected intoxicated driver at the top of the exit ramp from Interstate 70 to Little Blue Parkway in Independence, MO. During this stop, a serious traffic crash occurred at the bottom of the same exit ramp. Sgt. Jinkens saw the fire resulting from the crash and responded to the scene. He used his fire extinguisher in the cabin of the vehicle to push the flames back. He then organized citizens to move the vehicle, so he could reach the driver. Sgt. Jinkens then removed her from the engulfed cabin compartment, placed her a safe distance away, and extinguished the fire on her body. He organized assistance for the rescued driver until an ambulance arrived.

"I salute you and commend you," said Director Britt. "It's nice to know there are people out there like you doing what you do."

Captain Robert L. Powell, Troop A, also spoke. "Dale leads by example.



Col. James Keathley, Cpl. Russell A. "Sammy" Seaton, and DPS Dir. John Britt pause for a photo. Cpl. Seaton was named February 2009 DPS Employee of the Month.

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No one is more respected. He finds himself in the right place at the right time, because he's out there working."

In addition, Sgt. Jinkens was named State Employee of the Month for April 2009.

On April 7, 2009, Trooper Lonnie R. Lejeune, Troop E, accepted the DPS April 2009 Employee of the Month award. Tpr. Lejeune was selected for this award for the heroism he displayed in saving the life of a gentlemen who had been cutting tree limbs caused by the ice storm in Southeast Missouri and, due to shifting tree limbs, was hanging by his neck from a branch in the tree. Tpr. Lejeune climbed the ladder into the tree, hooked his left arm around the tree trunk, and placed his right arm around the unconscious victim, enabling Tpr. Lejeune to lift the victim and restore his breathing. Tpr. Lejeune instructed individuals at the scene of the incident how to contact troop headquarters for emergency responders by using the radio in his patrol vehicle, while he re-

DPS Dir. John Britt (right) named Sgt. Dale O. Jinkens (center) the DPS March 2009 Employee of the Month. Col. James Keathley (left) also commended Sgt. Jinkens.



Col. James Keathley congratulates Tpr. Lonnie Lejeune, who was named DPS April 2009 Employee of the Month. With them is DPS Deputy Director and General Counsel Andrea Spillars, who presented the award on behalf of DPS.

ley. "This was during the ice storm in Southeast Missouri. The Patrol sent 80 additional troopers to help that area. This is an exemplary lifesaving effort."

Tpr. Lejeune was selected Missouri State Employee of the Month for May 2009.

Congratulations to all of you!

How OTHERS SEE Us ...

In a letter to Colonel James F. Keathley:

Hi, Jim!

It will be [was] four years this March 20, 2009, that Sgt. C. Dewayne Graham Jr. was murdered. We both lived in Carter County, and occasionally had coffee together at the Float Stream Cafe in Van Buren, MO ... we both attended the First Baptist Church in Van Buren. I can say without reservation that Sgt. Graham was a dedicated officer and a credit to his profession and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Below is a short note that I scribbled (more to myself than anyone else; [written] shortly after the tragic incident about how the crime affected me.) in memory of Sgt. Dewayne Graham. [I] thought it might be worth sharing with others in the *Patrol News*.

R&T Tech. Albert Allen, retired

Blue Guardian

By Albert Louis Allen

Sunday, March 20, 2005, the quiet of Carter County is shattered by the brutal, cowardly slaying of the Blue Guardian. Our guardian in blue, the first to answer the call, the first to fall, the supreme sacrifice of one has left the quietness of our lives shattered by the fall. Now all that survive have lost a portion of the peacefulness, the trust, and the childlike innocence that permeated Carter County's family traditions. But, yet, before the fallen guardian's acclamation, another guardian in blue stands tall ... and takes the oath to harmonize life's maze.

From The MASTERS ...

30th Annual Meeting Announcements Shared

The MASTERS 30th Annual Meeting was held on April 18, 2009, in Columbia, MO. The following directors were elected to serve as officers for 2009-2010:

- **President** – Dr. Wes Stricker, Columbia
- **Vice President** – Doug Mitchell, Warrensburg
- **Secretary** – Lynn Wallis, Cuba
- **Treasurer** – Ed Braschler, Doniphan

At the meeting, it was announced that The MASTERS has been allowed to become part of the Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign. This program will allow state employees, who elect, to make contributions to The MASTERS through payroll deduction.

Later that evening, The MASTERS members enjoyed hosting and being a part of the Patrol Annual Awards Banquet. During this time, with great appreciation, The MASTERS recognized Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wells, of Bowling Green, MO, with an honorary The MASTERS membership, for their generosity in naming The MASTERS in their estate plan. In addition, The MASTERS Public Service Award recognizing the importance of community service was presented to Trooper Clinton M. Duppong, Troop B.

Once again, we encourage you to invite your family members or friends to become a member of The MASTERS. You may e-mail The MASTERS at office@themastersmo.org or call 573-686-1619 to have information sent to anyone that you would like to recommend for membership.

Thank you for your continued support of The MASTERS.

Prosecuting Attorneys: An Honor And Privilege

Dear Colonel Keathley:

Page and I want to thank you for the support of your entire organization over these past four years.

We are not sure how to express our gratitude other than to state that we cannot count the number of times we have been approached by troopers who would ask if there was anything they could possibly do to make our job easier. I would be working on some other matter, far from Carter County, and a trooper, previously unknown to me, would approach and ask simply, "Is there anything you need?" And, while these men and women were offering to help on a case involving the murder of one of their own, we know, from our past association with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, we could call upon them for their assistance regardless of the situation. And, we would get it.

But, maybe the best way to express our gratitude is by saying something that we wish our courtroom procedures would have allowed us to say to the jury. But, instead, we settle for writing this letter.

During our numerous years of working as prosecuting attorneys, neither one of us ever had the honor and privilege of knowing Sgt. Carl Dewayne Graham Jr. We never had the opportunity to see the hard work and integrity of this state trooper. We never had the opportunity to work with him and go with him to court to ensure that justice was done. We have heard from others about Sgt. Graham. We have heard that he was an outstanding law enforcement officer, filled with integrity and compassion, whose loss to the Missouri State Highway Patrol will never be overcome.

But, despite never having the honor and privilege of knowing Sgt. Carl Dewayne Graham Jr., we believe that we do know him. We know him because we have had the honor and privilege of knowing many men and women just like him who wear the same uniform. We have had the opportunity to see their hard work and integrity. And, we have had the opportunity to work with them and ensure that justice is done.

And, because of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Lance Shockley has been brought to justice.

Sincerely,

Page Bellamy
Assistant Attorney General

Kevin M. Zoellner
Assistant Attorney General

Spotlight

Prob. Radio Personnel Jessalin A. DeGonia



Appointed: May 5, 2008.

First and Current Assignment: Probationary Radio Personnel, Troop F.

Family: I come from a hard working family. My mother Lena Yates lives in West Plains MO, with my stepfather, Yancy Yates. My mother is a schoolteacher for Mountain View Birch Tree Liberty High School. She is a great mother and a wonderful teacher. She not only teaches her students, but also cares about them. She is one special woman. I got my love of basketball from my stepfather, Yancy. We love watching basketball together and we have a good time talking about the philosophy of the game. My father, John DeGonia, lives in Sedalia, MO, with my stepmother, Debbie DeGonia. My father is the police chief of the Sedalia Police Department. He is an awesome father and hard-working, dedicated law enforcement professional—truly someone to look up to. I also have a dog, Scout. She is a Jack Russell Terrier/minature Dachs-hund mix. There is nothing like coming home from a hard day of work and having her waiting at the door, wagging her tail, excited to see me.

Interests: In my free time, I like to watch sports. I like all sports, but I would have to say basketball is my favorite. I also enjoy hunting, fishing, and just spending time with my friends and family. When I am not at work, I try to go back to either West Plains or Sedalia to visit. I can't go too long without my stepmother's cooking or friendship. We never have a dull moment when we are together.

Tpr. Derrick R. Powell



Appointed: October 20, 2002.

First Assignment: Troop F, Zone 4, Audrain County.

Current Assignment: Troop F, Zone 7, Howard and Cooper Counties.

Family: I've been married to my wife, Tara, for 11 years. I have two great children. My son, Avery, is five years old, and my daughter, Addison, is three years old.

Interests: I am an avid outdoorsman who loves to hunt and fish with my family. We enjoy spending time on the boat fishing for crappie, and scouting out deer for the fall hunting season. I am a happy dad who enjoys spending time with family and friends.

My police career began with the Springfield, MO, Police Department. I am a SWAT sniper with Troop F's team and enjoy the training and camaraderie associated with the assignment.

Cpl. Jay A. Parsley



Appointed: July 1, 1994.

First Assignment: Troop E, Zone 4, Carter and Reynolds Counties.

Promotions/Reclassifications: Corporal – September 1, 1999.

Current Assignment: Assistant Zone Supervisor, Troop E, Zone 11, Stoddard County.

Family: Married to Marcy on November 4, 1995. They have two children: Emma, 10, and Tommy, 7.

Interests: Jay enjoys rabbit hunting, deer hunting, and fishing. He enjoys playing basketball in the local gym where he attended high school with old school mates and friends.

Jay was born in Granite City, IL, and grew up in Puxico, MO. In 1989, he graduated from high school in Puxico, MO. After graduation, he attended Three Rivers College in Poplar Bluff, MO. He was attending Southeast Missouri State University when he was accepted into the Patrol's Academy. Jay worked at WW Wood Products in Dudley, MO, for 18 months prior to coming on the Patrol.

Jay enjoys spending time with his family, and attending his children's sporting events. He is a deacon at the Duck Creek Missionary Baptist Church near Puxico.

Jay has worked in Troop E since May 1998 and enjoys being able work in the area in which he grew up.

Patrol Employees Support Sheltered Workshop

By Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D

Recently, Patrol employees working out of the Troop D Service Center in Carthage, MO, entered into a unique partnership with the Monett Area Sheltered Workshop. The sheltered workshop, in operation since 1968, employs 52 workers who have a variety of disabilities, and do a myriad of recycling, packaging, and assembly jobs based on each individual's ability. The connection with the Patrol came through Motor Vehicle Inspector III Jonathan P. "Jon" Blue, and his wife, Geneva, who live in Monett.

Currently, Jon oversees the inspection stations in the western portion of Troop D and Geneva is employed at the Southwest Area Career Center in Monett. Her duties as the work experience coordinator put her in regular contact with employees at the workshop. Late in 2008, Jon set up a program at the Service Center where boxes and bags of shredded and discarded paper that normally would be thrown away would be saved and



Eric, a Sheltered Workshop employee, sorts through papers before they are recycled. The paper comes from the Patrol's Troop D Service Center.

transported to Monett for recycling. At times during the week, Jon stops at the Service Center and completes his various administrative duties. Prior to leaving, he loads what materials he can into his assigned vehicle and drives home. From there, the materials are transferred to Geneva's vehicle and she takes them to the workshop the following day.

Workshop employees then sort the paper based on type and color. According to Geneva, the workshop has

had difficulty getting contracts due to the economic climate, budget cuts, and increased automation. Because of this, the workshop has relied heavily on recycling to keep its employees working.

"Workshop employees earn wages and have the satisfaction of knowing they do important work and make a contribution to their community," said Geneva Blue. "The Patrol, in turn, disposes of its paper waste in a responsible manner and makes a positive difference at the workshop."

Missouri's Missing Children's Poster Winner Selected

By Sgt. Keverne L. McCollum, Q/DDCC

Three young artists from Missouri were selected as the top state winners in the 2009 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. This annual contest is hosted by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in Washington, D.C. The contest was created in an effort to educate children across the country about child safety and to make the public aware of law enforcement's continuous efforts to search for and recover missing children.

This year's Missouri winner was Robert Rupp, a fifth grade student at Bishop Hogan Memorial School in Chillicothe, MO. His poster will automatically be entered into the national contest. The second place winner was Stephanie Ramer from the Albany R-III



Virginia E. George Elementary School in Albany, MO. Third place in the Patrol's poster contest was awarded to Samantha Knaust of the St. Joseph Parochial School in Wentzville, MO.

Three Missouri banks donated a savings bonds as prizes. Hawthorn Bank of Jefferson City donated the

Robert Rupp's poster took first place in Missouri's Missing Children's Poster Contest.

\$100 bond for first place; Great Western Bank of Albany donated the second place bond in the amount of \$75; and United Missouri Bank of Jefferson City donated the third place bond for \$50.

To view this year's winning posters, go to the Patrol's website at www.mshp.dps.mo.gov and click on the "read more" link to the web story. The Patrol will post the rules for the 2010 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest on the website later this fall. For more information, contact the Missing Person's Clearinghouse at (573) 526-6178.

'Looking Beyond the Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of February 21, 2009 through April 20, 2009. (Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)

Troop A

Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.J. Chapman, 1 arrest
Sgt. C.M. Clair, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.S. Hagerty, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.A. Pate, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.D. Primm, 1 arrest*
CVO Sprv. 1 J.F. Stone, 1 assist*
Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell, 1 arrest

Troop B

Tpr. T.S. Croft, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.L. Seiner, 2 arrests

Troop C

Cpl. N.C. Benson, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.R. Breitbach, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.J. Brown, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.C. Long, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.A. Moore, 1 arrest

Troop D

Sgt. G.L. Braden, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.B. Carnagey, 1 arrest

Cpl. T.L. Hall, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.C. Marlin, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.R. Monk, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.R. Morris, 1 arrest

Troop E

Tpr. D.W. Crank, 7 arrests
Tpr. J.N. Crites, 1 arrest
Cpl. R.C. Dye, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.D. Hamlett, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.C. Jones, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Lacey, 2 arrests
Cpl. M.D. Lynch, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.W. McCormick, 1 arrest
Tpr. Nogi H. McDaniel, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.S. Stewart, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.D. Templemire, 2 arrests

Troop F

Tpr. B.J. Blankenbeker, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Germann, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.T. Halford, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.R. Haslag, 1 arrest

Tpr. Anthony C. Helfrecht, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.B. Johnson, 2 arrests
Tpr. W.R. Koch, 1 arrest

Troop G

Tpr. M.C. Downey, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.D. Odle, 2 arrests

Troop H

Cpl. M.R. Heits, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.B. Heintz, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.L. Israel, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 3 arrests
Tpr. A.J. Webb, 2 arrests

Troop I

Cpl. C.A. Bogart, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.S. Miller, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.A. Vogt, 4 arrests

Wal-Mart Awards Grant To LE Torch Run

Wal-Mart Store Manager Steven Reed (r) presents a \$1,000 donation to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics to (l to r) Lt. Hotz, Q/PIED, Crystal Chalk, SOMO, Special Olympian Christina Goedde, and Clerk IV Crystal Smith, Q/BPD. The donation is the result of a grant application filled out by Clerk IV Crystal Smith. In addition, on May 23, 2009, Patrol employees (off duty) sold Special Olympic T-shirts at the Jefferson City Wal-Mart to help raise money for this worthy cause.



Brief Meeting Leaves Lasting Impression

By Criminalist I Cindy M. Dierenfeldt, Troop H

In February 2009, Troop H had the opportunity to meet a very special little boy named Hayden Wion. In December 2007, Hayden, who was just 2 years old, was diagnosed with stage four neuroblastoma, a rare type of childhood cancer. Doctors at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City began aggressive treatment in January 2008. Just a year later, Hayden was doing great – they thought he was in remission. But then, repeat scans showed the cancer had come back and was spreading like crazy. Hayden's prognosis was poor. Doctors gave him no more than six months to live. All attention was then directed toward trying to make some of his wishes come true.

Hayden loved policemen, firefighters, and trains, so we made some phone calls and sent some e-mails telling Hayden's story. In the following weeks we received donations of train sets, a conductor's hat, books, a pocket watch, and numerous other items, along with monetary donations from local railroad offices and individuals

just wanting to help out. After combining these items with some Highway Patrol memorabilia we invited Hayden to come to Troop H for a small presentation ceremony. He and his father, Jim, came out on February 26.

Sgt. Sheldon Lyon presented the items to Hayden while Troop H employees looked on. He loved all of the gifts. He was especially fond of the railroad pocket watch and the patrol car replica. Hayden also got to see the inside of a real patrol car and even got to play with the lights. His dad said he hadn't seen him smile like that in weeks! The awesome people at Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway set up an Amtrak ride for Hayden and his family, and Union Pacific Railroad

planned a special train ride for them too, both to take place in March.

Hayden's condition declined quickly in the following weeks. He never got to take the train rides. He died on March 15, 2009, four months before his fourth birthday. Though we did not get to know him that well, we will never forget him. Witnessing something like this makes you realize that we should be grateful for all the things we have and try to make the most of every day.



Cpl. Travis Williams watches through the window while Mr. Jim Wion and Hayden explore his patrol car.



Sgt. Sheldon Lyon watches as Hayden Wion explores gifts presented to him at Troop H Headquarters. Hayden is seated on his father's (Jim) lap.

Promotions and Reclassifications



Tyson B. Gardner
Sergeant
Troop H



Mark D. Green
Sergeant
Troop D



Andrew B. Swearingin
Sergeant
Troop I



Nathan C. Benson
Corporal
Troop C



Robert E. Hoehn
Corporal
Troop C



Kevin C. Morris
Corporal
Troop D



James A. Mulkey
Corporal
Troop I



Robert J. Parr
Corporal
Troop C



Gerald D. Leigh
Comm. Oper. II
Troop D



Kendra L. Shell
Comm. Oper. II
Troop E



Bruce D. Snider
Comm. Oper. II
Troop F



Virginia A. Alston-Smith
DE II
Troop A

Promotions and Reclassifications



Ryan L. Boeckman
CIT I
Q/ISD



Ashley E. Brennan
Cook III
Q/TND



J. David Brooks
Chief CVO
Troop D



Franklin V. Byers
DE III
Troop D



Mark A. Cherry
DE II
Troop A



Branden S. Coker
Fingerprint Tech. III
Q/CRID



Cindy M. Dierenfeldt
Criminalist II
Q/CLD



Maria F. Fooks
Quality Control Clerk II
Q/TFD



Jay A. Forbis
CIT II
Q/ISD



Paula K. Forshee
Housekeeper III
Troop D



Stephanie A. Horine
Criminalist II
Q/CLD



Tamra D. Jacobs
AFIS Entry Oper. III
Q/CRID

Promotions and Reclassifications



David L. Johnson
CIT I
Q/ISD



Nancy A. Mooney
DE Sprv.
Troop C



Dana J. Mueller
DE I
Troop B



Amy L. Peebles
Criminalist III
Q/CLD



James L. Roberson
CIT II
Q/ISD



Stacy R. Russom
MVI III
Troop E



Jason D. Stump
DE II
Troop F



Michelle Waldron
Criminalist II
Q/CLD

Police Academy Recruits Honor Tpr. Newton

By Troop A

On March 19, 2009, recruits from the Blue River Police Academy in Independence, MO, participated in one and a half mile run to honor Trooper Michael L. Newton. The run began at the First Baptist Church of Lee's Summit and ended at Troop A Headquarters. According to Butch Roll, chief of training at Blue River Police Academy, each class participates in a run to honor a fallen officer.

Blue River Police Academy Recruit Ben Orth, class president, presents a plaque honoring MSHP fallen hero Tpr. Michael L. Newton to Lt. Brian T. Deshler, Troop A.



Things Aren't Always As They Seem

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

The driver of the tractor/trailer was blown by the wind ... at least that's what he told Sergeant Matthew K. Funderburk. Sgt. Funderburk was traveling eastbound on Interstate 44 near Missouri Highway 13 in Greene County. He observed a Freightliner tractor, pulling a trailer, weave onto the shoulder—not once, but twice, and then weave the opposite direction crossing the centerline.

Sgt. Funderburk initiated a traffic stop and approached the tractor from the passenger side. The driver opened the door. He explained to the driver why he had been stopped and asked for his driver's license, logbook, and bills for the load. The driver's logbook showed he had picked up a load of spices in New Mexico and took

them to Lubbock, Texas. From there he picked up a load of soybeans in Muleshoe, Texas, and was on his way to "Joisey" (New Jersey).

As Sgt. Funderburk was standing in the doorway, he noticed a plethora of air fresheners in the cab and the sleeper birth area. He asked the driver if there were any drugs in the truck. The driver replied that there weren't any drugs in the truck, but he had recently been arrested for conspiracy to distribute marijuana and cocaine in Texas.

Well, the assurance from the driver that there weren't any illegal drugs in the truck almost made Sgt. Funderburk breathe a sigh of relief, give the driver a verbal warning, and send him on his way. (*Wait a minute ... wake up ... are you dreaming?*)

Sgt. Funderburk asked for and received permission to search the vehicle. When the driver raised the bottom bunk it revealed three large duffle bags. Sgt. Funderburk asked the driver to open one of the duffle bags. When the bag was opened he saw several brown taped bundles. He cut into one and found marijuana. (*Come on, I believed the driver, didn't you? Now, I'm really disillusioned.*)

Sgt. Funderburk placed the driver under arrest and read him the Miranda warning, which he said that he understood. Two duffle bags and two boxes were found for an approximate weight of 157 pounds of the state-of-mind-altering drug. The driver, tractor/trailer and the marijuana were released to Sergeant Daniel P. Banasik. Sgt. Banasik did a controlled delivery to Indianapolis, IN, which resulted in two additional arrests.

Troopers Track Down Fleeing Driver

By Sgt. Julie A. Scerine, Troop C

Working the road on Christmas Eve tends to be a day with many travelers, but not a lot of action. Everyone is in the Christmas spirit, traveling to family gatherings and church events. For Trooper Joseph D. Flynn, Christmas Eve 2008 will be one that sticks out in his memory for years to come. The package he located after a traffic stop, which involved a pursuit and fleeing driver, was one you only read about in action movies.

At approximately 9 a.m. on December 24, 2008, Tpr. Flynn observed a Ford Mustang with its windshield wipers on, but not having lit headlamps, traveling on Interstate 70. He also observed the driver to be unrestrained. This appeared to be an easy traffic stop and a good opportunity to speak with the driver about his lack of seat belt use. When Tpr. Flynn initiated the stop, the driver pulled to the shoulder, and thus appeared to be compliant. Tpr. Flynn made contact with the driver, who indicated he did not have his driver's license on his person. The trooper also noticed an infant child in a car seat in

the back seat of the vehicle. He obtained his name and information and began to return to his vehicle.

As Tpr. Flynn returned to his vehicle, the driver sped away and the chase was on. Throughout the pursuit, the driver weaved in and out of traffic, failing to yield to the patrol vehicle. The fleeing vehicle then struck a pickup truck and the center median before coming to rest against the median barrier on the bridge. As the trooper stopped his vehicle and began giving the driver orders, he noticed the driver appeared to be attempting to retrieve something from the back seat, before exiting the vehicle and fleeing on foot. The driver fled from the vehicle, jumped across the median barrier of Interstate 70, and ran from the scene.

Tpr. Flynn ran to the vehicle to check on the condition of the child, who was unharmed and still restrained in the car seat. After further investigation, the driver's true identity was learned, and the child, who was not the driver's, was turned over to family members. After learning the driver's true identity, it was learned that he also had active felony warrants for his

arrest, which called for another visit from Tpr. Flynn.

On December 29, 2008, Tpr. Flynn, Trooper Samuel V. Buchheit, and Trooper Elizabeth A. Lusk attempted to make contact with the fleeing felon at his last known address. When the troopers arrived at the residence, Mr. Suspect drove up in front of the residence. As he exited his vehicle, the troopers yelled his name. The suspect looked their direction, and realized it wasn't Santa on his front porch with presents for him, but troopers with handcuffs. He then tried to flee on foot again, but was apprehended quickly due to the speed of Tpr. Flynn.

The suspect was taken into custody and transported to the St. Louis County Jail. As a result of the previous pursuit and the most recent apprehension, the subject was charged with resisting arrest by fleeing causing serious injury, child endangerment 1st degree, and child abandonment, with a bond of \$20,000. This entire incident from beginning to end is a true testament to the cohesiveness of the members of Troop C, Zone 1, and their ability to go above and beyond regardless of the time of year.

Great work, troopers!

Extreme Home Makeover — MSHP Style

Wilson's Dream Home Gets A Hand

By Sgt. Mark J. Thomas, Q/GD

Have you ever been interrupted while trying to do something? Maybe you are on your way to the “quick-est” checkout line at the grocery store and your cell phone rings. It could be a telemarketer calling your home at precisely the time you are sitting down for dinner. My favorite interruption is when that person driving cuts you off in traffic because they need to be wherever they are going much quicker than you do. How about when an unexpected guest stops by the house to visit for a while during that ever-important outside job this time of year—mowing. (OK, so I don't mind that one so much ...)

How about when life throws a HUGE interruption your way at a very inopportune time? For instance: A serious illness while you are fulfilling a life-long dream of building a new home for your family? From personal experience, I can attest to these life-changing moments. They tend to bring a totally different perspective to the “small stuff” like grocery store lines, telemarketers, rude drivers, or even the occasional gabby visitor. It also reaffirms commitment to the important things in life, like family.

The Gaming Division's Sergeant Bryan K. Wilson recently experienced one of those life-changing interruptions when he was diagnosed with a very serious health issue. This occurred while he was not only in the middle of building the dream house he and his wife, Kay, had been working toward for years, but was actually contemplating retiring! B.K. was trying to do what many of us who have “enjoyed” the experience of either building a new home or refurbishing an existing one have done. He was trying to save some money by doing some of the work while contracting out the big jobs.



Clockwise from top: Sgt. Mark J. Thomas, Sgt. Scott Meyer, Sgt. Jeffrey L. Smith, and Mr. Terry Bultmann (friend) begin



Sgt. Jeffery T. Fitzgerald and Cpl. Brian W. Vernon size two-by-fours in the basement.

Without sounding like an episode of ABC's “Extreme Home Makeover”, B.K. and Kay have done much for many people. They have been active foster parents and have adopted some special needs children to be a part of their family. They, too, are part of the dream house, because with an enlarged family, their current home is simply too small. I cannot figure out how those folks on that television show can build a house in seven days! It takes me longer than that to paint a kitchen for crying out loud. Maybe I need one of those bull horns to get myself motivated.

Over the years, one of the things that gives me the most pride as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol is witnessing the Patrol family pulling together to help one of our own “brothers”. We hear about it. Often times, we participate in it and read about it in articles. For those of us who have had the honor of being the recipient of this kind of generosity, it is something that stays with us not only for a career, but for a lifetime.

A group of retired and active troopers from Troops A, H, and the Gaming Division, as well as employees from the Missouri Gaming Commis-

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— Makeover

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sion, came together to help B.K. and his family with some projects at their new home north of Lawson on March 14, 2009. As we all know, the weather in northwest Missouri in the middle of March can be anything from near-blizzard conditions to balmy sunshine. The one consistency at this time of the year is the consistency of the soil ... or, more appropriately, the mud! The weather cooperated to include an awesome, bright springtime day. The mud also retained its predictability and clung to everyone's boots in five pound increments.

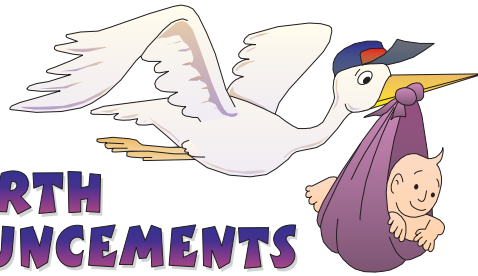
We were able to help the Wilson family with the house by splitting into several crews. We tackled jobs such as framing in the basement to add a couple of bedrooms and a media room, cleanup, brush/tree clearing, and erecting a deck.

Special thanks and appreciation need to go to Sergeant Terry Spain and his wife, Terry, who came out and provided the working stiff (that "stiff" part was very evident the next day for many of us) with an awesome bar-beque lunch enjoyed by all. Also, Lieutenant Bob Zubeck and Sergeant Jeff Fitzgerald for their leadership roles and some really cool power tools. I love power tools ...

B.K. and Kay were very appreciative of all the assistance we gave them, and for helping them to accomplish their dream. I don't think he was able to wipe that huge grin off his follicle-challenged head all day long!

Even though he has been dealt a substantial "interruption" to life's path, B.K. remains very positive and determined to overcome his health obstacles. We were all proud to help out, because he is our brother and that is exactly what brothers do for each other. I guess all we have to say at this point is, "Welcome Home, Wilson Family ... Welcome Home!"

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Micaela Jolie

Tpr. Brandon J. and Mrs. Francesca D. Brashear
Troop A

Brody Alexander

Tpr. Kyle A. and Mrs. Angela D. Green
Troop F

Talon Lee

Cpl. Ricky L. and Mrs. Delania D. Watson
Troop C

Zane Matthias

Tpr. Matthew P. and Mrs. Sophia L. Fisher
Troop A

William Wayne

Cpl. Eric W. and Mrs. Kelly L. Hackman
Q/DDCC

Ellie Mae

Tpr. J. Curtis and Mrs. Tiffany D. Acree
Troop H

Brandon Michael

Tpr. Jason M. and Mrs. Cathy S. Mattingly
Troop B

Zachery Thomas

Auto. Tech. III Brad W. and Mrs. Amanda R. Adams
Q/MED

Logan James

Tpr. Joshua J. and Mrs. Laura D. McDonald
Troop I

Lucas Bryan

Cpl. Thomas B. and Mrs. Kimberly E. Ziegler
Troop H

Carson Lane

Mr. Samuel F. and Comm. Oper. II Jessica R. Dillon
Troop A

SENTENCED!

Lance Shockley Found Guilty

The jury deliberated three hours before returning a verdict of guilty on Friday, March 27, 2009. Lance Shockley, 32, of Van Buren, was found guilty of first degree murder in the death of Sgt. C. Dewayne Graham Jr. in 2005. The jury was unable to come to a unanimous decision regarding whether Shockley should get the death penalty or life in prison without parole. Therefore, the decision regarding sentencing fell to Judge David Evans. At 1:15 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2009, at the Carter County Courthouse, Judge Evans sentenced Lance Shockley to death for the March 2005 murder of Sgt. C. Dewayne Graham Jr.

Patrol Heroes Honored At Annual Banquet

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

The 19th annual Patrol Award Ceremony and The MASTERS banquet took place on Saturday, April 18, 2009. Thirteen employees applauded for their dedication to protecting and serving Missouri's citizens. Congratulations to them and their families! (For a detailed description of each award, please refer to the news release posted on the MSHP web site on April 20, 2009.)

The MASTERS Public Service Award

Trooper Clinton M. Duppong, Troop B

Lifesaving

Sergeant Dennis L. Kuechler, Troop D
Trooper Samuel D. Carpenter, Troop D
Trooper Douglas W. Riley, Troop D
Trooper Phillip G. Sarakas, Troop C
Trooper Robert W. "Bill" Schafer, Troop D
Trooper Corey W. Tucker, Troop E

Meritorious Service Award

Trooper Michael L. Cary, Troop D

Civilian Of The Year Award

Automotive Technician III Sean D. Jacobs, Troop A

Benjamin O. Booth Officer Of The Year Award

Sergeant Blaine L. Adams, Troop E

Citation of Valor

Trooper Shawn M. Dougherty, Troop G
Trooper Andrew B. Ward, Troop E
Sergeant Dale O. Jinkens, Troop A

Sgt. Blaine L. Adams, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Linda Adams, accepted the inaugural Sgt. Benjamin O. Booth Officer Of The Year Award from Col. James F. Keathley. (Previously, the award was known as the Officer Of The Year Award.)



The Troop A Color Guard provided the flag ceremonies for the awards banquet.



Mr. Kevin Zoellner, from the Missouri Attorney General's Office, gave the keynote address.



Mr. Doug Libla (right) presents The MASTERS Public Service Award to Tpr. Clinton M. Duppong (left).



Pictured are the 2008 award recipients.

Tpr. Ward Recognized For Investigation

By Sgt. Dale H. Moreland, Troop E

On Thursday, April 2, 2009, Trooper Kindel C. Ward, Troop E, received the Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce Officer-of-the-Year Award at its annual banquet at the Sikeston Fieldhouse. Tpr. Ward was selected as result of a two-year theft investigation that he initiated. The investigation involved the DeKalb (IL) County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police, Scott County Sheriff's Department, New Madrid County Sheriff's Department, Sikeston Department of Public Safety, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. This two-year investigation resulted in the recovery of over \$1 million in stolen items. The items were stolen in Missouri and several neighboring states. Three federal indictments have been issued, and the investigation continues.

Troop E congratulates Tpr. Ward on this well deserved honor!



Photo provided by the Standard Democrat newspaper - Sikeston.

Scott County Sheriff Rick Walter reads the nomination of Tpr. Kindel C. Ward for officer of the year during the Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet.

Justin Riley Named Honorary Trooper

By Sgt. Michael Watson, Troop D

On Wednesday, April 8, 2009, Captain Juan O. Villanueva, commanding officer of Troop D, presented Carthage resident Justin Riley with a Missouri State Highway Patrol Honorary Trooper certificate. The award is the result of the actions of Justin and his brother, Trooper Douglas W. Riley, on June 11, 2008, when the two lifted a 2,500-pound tractor off their uncle, who was pinned beneath it. Their actions saved his life.

John Riley had been mowing a field near Doug's house since nine that morning. At around 3:15 in the afternoon, he waved at Justin and Doug as they drove by on the way to Doug's house. Shortly thereafter, as the tractor crested a hill, a rear tire dropped into a hole and the tractor overturned onto Mr. Riley, pin-

ning him face down. As he was trying to free himself and breathing was becoming more and more difficult, Doug and Justin were backing out of the driveway.



(l to r) Captain Juan O. Villanueva stands with the Rileys: Honorary Trooper Justin Riley, Mr. John Riley, and Trooper Douglas W. Riley

Doug just happened to glance back at the field when he noticed the overturned tractor. After racing to the field and getting the tractor turned off, Mr. Riley remarked that he was down to his last breath and was going to die. Doug's response to his uncle was, "Not today."

The brothers were then able to lift the tractor enough for Mr. Riley to crawl out. Paramedics responded to the scene and he was transported to a local hospital. Mr. Riley was released from the hospital later, and credits his life to the swift actions of his nephews.

[Editor's Note: Tpr. Riley received the Lifesaving Award at the annual Patrol Awards Ceremony and The Missouri Association of State Trooper Emergency Relief Society (The MASTERS) banquet on April 18, 2009, in Columbia.]

Is Everything In the Duffle bags Marijuana?

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

Trooper Matthew E. Morice was observing eastbound traffic near the 81-mile marker on Interstate 44 in Greene County. He checked a silver Chevrolet HHR at 73 mph in a 60 mph zone. At this time, he exited the cross-over and overtook the HHR and initiated a traffic stop

Tpr. Morice approached the vehicle from the passenger side to keep himself away from the traffic. As he came upon the vehicle, he noticed three duffle bags in the rear cargo area.

He advised the driver that he had been stopped because he was doing 73 mph in a 60 mph zone. The driver handed him his driver's license and a rental agreement for the car. The rental agreement showed a one-way rental

from Dallas, Texas, to Pittsburgh, PA. The driver stated that he was visiting his grandmother in Pennsylvania, and that he was going to catch a flight back to Texas when he was done visiting.

Tpr. Morice told the driver he smelled burnt marijuana in the HHR. The driver said, "You can smell marijuana?"

He then confessed that he did smoke weed, and that there was a little bit of marijuana in the glove box. Tpr. Morice performed a probable cause search based on the odor of the burnt marijuana and the admission from the driver that he possessed marijuana in the glove box. His search yielded approximately 90 pounds of marijuana in the three duffle bags.



All of this marijuana, located during a traffic stop, was crammed into three duffle bags.

Tpr. Morice placed the silver manacles on the driver's wrists and checked for an appropriate fit then double locked them. He informed the driver he was under arrest for possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. He advised him of his Miranda rights, which the driver stated he understood. The driver's criminal history check revealed no prior drugs related arrests or convictions.

Troop I, Rolla Pizza Inn Join SOMO Team!

By Sgt. Dan J. Crain, Troop I

Last year, Troop I employees raised \$8,768 for Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) through T-shirt and baseball cap sales at Wal-Mart stores within the troop. In 2009, SOMO shirt and hat sales have again been successful, but Troop I coordinator of fund-raising, Clerk Typist III Jamie L. Maddux, had a new idea to help exceed previous years' earnings. Jamie contacted the managers of the Rolla Pizza Inn, Bob and Jo Campbell, who graciously allowed Troop I employees and their family members to take over as servers, busboys, and dishwashers for one night. On Tuesday evening, April 14, 2009, approximately 15 individuals from the Troop I family were present to help raise nearly \$500 for Special Olympics. Troop I would like to thank the Campbells and the Wal-Mart stores for allowing us to use their facilities to raise money for such a worthy cause.



This hard-working crew of Troop I employees joined the Rolla Pizza Inn to raise \$500 for SOMO in one night!

My Tom-Tom Told Me!

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

Corporal Thomas L. "Tom" Hall was operating stationary radar on Interstate 44 near U.S. Highway 65 when he checked an eastbound RV (recreational vehicle) breaking the speed limit. He pursued the RV and initiated a traffic stop near the 84-mile marker. Cpl. Hall contacted the driver of the vehicle and found that he was unable to produce a driver's license. There were two other persons in the vehicle.

The driver took a seat in the patrol car while the driver's information was confirmed. The driver said they were going to a city in Florida, but didn't know which one ... he first thought "St. Louis", but followed that statement by saying he didn't know for sure. He just knew it started with an "S".

When Cpl. Hall asked what he was going to do there, he stated "visiting and cruising". He also stated he was going to stop in Kansas to drop off one of the passengers, so he could visit his sick grandfather. *[Author's note: That would be an interesting feat since they weren't in Kansas anymore, Toto!]*

Cpl. Hall pointed out the fact that they had already passed Kansas. This led to the driver saying that his Tom-Tom had routed him in this direction.

The license check on the driver showed nine ... count them ... nine active warrants out of Douglas County, MO.

Cpl. Hall asked the driver if there was anything illegal in the vehicle and the driver said, "Not that I know of." Cpl. Hall then asked for and did not receive permission to search the RV. The driver insisted he contact one of the passengers whose name was listed on the rental agreement. *[Oh, yeah, the RV was a rental vehicle. The destination on the agreement was shown as Orlando, Florida.]* The passenger gave permission to search the vehicle.

Cpl. Hall found two suitcases in the bedroom area closet filled with green saran-wrapped bundles that, when punctured, smelled like marijuana. Two more suitcases were found in the left side exterior luggage compartment with the same result.

The right side exterior luggage compartment was locked. The passenger said that he did not have a key. Cpl. Hall had his canine perform a "sniff" of the right side exterior compartment and K-9 Evan indicated on the door by scratching and biting. Located inside the compartment were two more suitcases and one duffel bag containing yet more marijuana bundles. A total of approximately 350 pounds of marijuana was located in the RV.

By the way, the Tom-Tom showed a destination of Canton, Ohio. Chances are pretty good they would have found Ohio, even though they missed Kansas, because I think the GPS tells them when they have reached their destination.

SUMMIT PROVIDES KNOWLEDGE, NETWORK

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

The Missouri State Highway Patrol and Greene County Sheriff's Office hosted a Heavy Equipment Theft Summit at the Springfield Oasis and Convention Center in Springfield, MO. Senior Special Agents Larry Liggett and Brad Greiner (National Insurance Crime Bureau, NICB) were the principal presenters. They showed us problems involved with identifying and recovering stolen heavy industrial equipment like road graders, skid steers, backhoes, bulldozers, and other equipment like zero radius turn mowers and farm equipment.

The goal of the presentation included providing law enforcement with the knowledge needed in equipment identification, and making us aware of the latest equipment security technologies. This summit allowed us to network, which provides more resources in the fight against equipment theft. In addition, four hours of continuing education credit was given for this course from Drury University (a Missouri POST approved provider).

June

June 12



- **Tpr. W.R. Brandt** died in 1970.

June 13



- **Tpr. D.H. Marriott** died in 1981.

June 14



- **Sgt. B.O. Booth** died in 1933.

June 13 - 20



- **Missouri Boys State.**

June 21 - 26



- **Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy.**

June 21 - 27



- **Missouri Girls State.**

Classmates Reunited After 38 Years

By Ret. Sgt. Ron Hedrick

It couldn't have been planned any better for Ron Hedrick and E.J. Newman, Missouri State Highway Patrol retirees, to meet again after 38 years. It occurred in the same hospital, in the same room, having surgery for basically the same illness.

On April 8, 2009, I had surgery at Cox South Hospital in Springfield, MO. After surgery, I was taken to Room 918, bed two, which was next to the window. I was feeling quite well, just coming out of anesthetic, feeling no pain, and in a talkative mood. The privacy curtain was pulled, blocking my view of my roommate. But, I could hear a conversation between the patient and his wife (Kay) and daughter (Gayle).

Breaking the ice, I asked Gayle where they were from. She told me her dad and mom were from Carthage, MO. I asked her if she knew a retired state trooper, Larry Cooper. She acknowledged she did, and then told me her dad, the patient in the bed next to me, was also a retired Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper. Surprised, I asked, "What's his name?"



(l to r) Retired Cpl. E.J. Newman and retired Sgt. Ron Hedrick enjoyed hanging out together while healing.

When she said, "E.J. Newman", my response was, "No way! Your dad and I graduated together from the 40th Recruit Class of the Patrol Academy in November 1971."

E.J. heard just parts of our conversation, but heard the name "Hedrick" and asked his daughter if it was Doug Hedrick who is presently on the Patrol and stationed in Platte City, MO. I responded quickly and said, "No, Ron Hedrick."

At that time, the curtain was opened and for the first time in 38 years, E.J. and I were looking eyeball to eyeball! Obviously, we had a lot to talk about and a lot of history on which to catch up. I know we both helped each other heal quickly and helped the time in the hospital pass faster. We were both released the following day with a greater appreciation for old friends forgotten. God does work in mysterious ways.

Still Working Together

Clinesmith, Heard Volunteer For A Great Cause

By Troop H

Retired Assistant Chief Telecommunications Engineer M. Wayne Clinesmith and Chief Operator Roger M. Heard, Troop H, began work at St. Joseph the same day in 1980, and have been great friends ever since. The fact that Wayne retired two years ago doesn't mean they still don't occasionally work together – just in a little different setting.

For several years, Wayne and his family have been heavily involved in the American Cancer Society's "Northland Relay For Life" held in Gladstone, MO. The Relay

For Life is a 12-hour event from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., where teams have at least one member walking the track the entire time to raise money for cancer research. There are other activities to keep everyone busy all night long. The July 2008 event raised over \$89,000.

The Clinesmith family helps organize the event, cooks 'burgers and hot dogs in the food court, and helps handle the multitude of things that pop up unexpectedly. One of Wayne's roles again this year was master of ceremonies. He is pictured here wearing his cancer survivor t-shirt. The photo was taken just after the survivors walk around the park in Gladstone, led by bagpiper Roger



(l to r) Chief Operator Roger M. Heard, Troop H, and Ret. ACTE M. Wayne Clinesmith continue their friendship, which started at the Patrol.

Heard. This is the second year Roger has played for the event. The uniforms may change over the years – the friendships don't.

Retirements

Sgt. Alan E. "Al" Raetz



The Missouri State Highway Patrol is pleased to announce that on April 1, 2009, after 30 years of dedicated service, Sergeant Alan E. "Al" Raetz retired.

Al began his career with the Patrol in July 1979. Upon graduating from the Patrol Academy, he was assigned to Troop D, Zone 10, Webster County, and lived in Marshfield. In 1985, he transferred to Zone 1, Greene County. In 1991, he was promoted to corporal and assigned as assistant supervisor for Zone 12, Christian County. In 1993, Al was promoted to sergeant, and after a short period in St. Clair County, he transferred to and was designated supervisor of Zone 10, Webster County.

During his career, Al was involved in several significant events including being shot at, run over by a vehicle, and the investigations of the tragic incidents that resulted in the deaths of two zone mates, Trooper Russell W. Harper and Corporal J.A. "Jay" Sampietro. For many years, Al taught college classes for three local institutions including: College of the Ozarks, Webster College, and Columbia College. In 1998, 2000, and 2003, he received recognition awards for his outstanding accomplishments as an instructor.

Al is married to the former Susan Grant, of Taneyville. They have three grown children, Mike, Cody, and Erica. Al and Susie own a farm in Taney County where they plan to build a retirement home.

Sgt. Charles J. "Chuck" Kramer



On May 1, 2009, Sergeant Charles J. "Chuck" Kramer retired as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol after 29 years of service.

Chuck was appointed to the Patrol on April 1, 1980. On August 29, 1980, he graduated from the Patrol Academy in Jefferson City and was assigned to Troop B, Zone 1, and stationed in Macon. His field training officer was Corporal Larry Murdock. On July 1, 1983, he transferred to Troop F and was assigned to Zone 1, Jefferson City. On August 1, 1989, Chuck was promoted to corporal and became the assistant zone commander of Zone 2, Jefferson City. On December 1, 1994, he was promoted to sergeant and became the Zone 2 commander. On September 1, 1998, Chuck transferred from Zone 2 to a position as the Troop F evidence officer. On May 1, 1999, Chuck transferred to the Gaming Division and was assigned to the Bingo Enforcement Section where he remained until his retirement.

During his career, Chuck was a member of the Troop F Special Emergency Response Team (SERT, now called SWAT), and served as a range instructor, and Glock pistol and H&K rifle armorer. He was also a field training officer, PR-24 instructor, and first responders/CPR trainer. Some of Chuck's special assignments include the Missouri State Fair detail, M.U. football details and several governors' inauguration details.

Chuck was born in Jefferson City, MO, and graduated from Helias High School in 1974. After high school he attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City for two years. In 1976, Chuck transferred to Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg. In 1978, he graduated with honors while earning a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice.

Chuck is married to the former Theresa Markway of Jefferson City, MO, and they have three grown children: Matt, Sarah, and Sam, who all reside in Jefferson City.

When asked about his retirement, Chuck stated the following: "Although I am looking forward to retirement, I can not help but reflect upon the fact that my retirement will mark the end of an era for the Kramer family. Since 1956, three generations of my family have worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. My now deceased father, Clete, retired from the Jefferson City Patrol garage in April 1985. My daughter, Sarah, worked as a 1,000 hour employee for the Division of Drug and Crime Control until she graduated from college in 2008. Between my father, daughter, and I, we have over 60 years of service. It has been an honor and a privilege for me to have served as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. I truly have enjoyed serving and protecting the citizens of the state of Missouri."

Those who know and have worked with Chuck throughout their Patrol career will probably all agree that he is definitely a person who could always be depended upon to give his best effort with any assignment he was given. As a field training officer he helped teach graduates fresh out of the Academy how to perform their job properly while treating every individual with as much respect as possible. He is also well known for not being afraid to voice his opinion and ask some very direct questions to command staff members during troop meetings. His fellow officers in the audience always looked forward to it, and at times, so

Retirement

did some of the staff members! Chuck also had the ability to create a lot of laughter if you happen to be watching him perform his humorous, but good natured, imitations of just about everyone he has worked with.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and carpentry work. He stated that he is looking forward to getting outside every day and doing some good old-fashioned physical labor.

Thank you, Chuck, for the friendship and many laughs you have provided us. Everyone in the Gaming Division wishes you and Theresa the very best in retirement!

Sgt. James R. "Rodney" Applebury



On June 1, 2009, after 31 years of dedicated service, Sergeant James R. "Rodney" Applebury retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Rodney began his career with the Patrol on June 1, 1978. After graduating from the Patrol Academy, he was first assigned to Troop B, and was stationed in Salisbury, MO, to serve the citizens of Chariton, Linn, and Randolph counties. On July 1, 1981, he was transferred to the Brookfield zone, due to the restructuring of Troop B zones, but continued to live in Salisbury. On June 1, 1990, he was promoted to corporal and served as the assistant zone commander of the Macon zone. He

was promoted to the rank of sergeant on September 1, 1994, and was designated the zone commander of Zone 1, which served the citizens of Macon and Shelby counties. On June 1, 1997, Rodney was designated as the Troop B pilot and served in that capacity until his retirement.

Rodney is a native of Dawn, MO, and graduated from Southwest High School. After high school, he attended Missouri Western College in St. Joseph, MO, then later graduated from Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University) where he obtained a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice. He also served with the Missouri National Guard for seven years, and is a graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute.

Rodney is married to Andee (Dale), a native of Brookfield, MO. They have two children: Derek, who lives in Macon, and Heather, who lives in Cairo, MO. He also has four grandchildren.

During Rodney's career he served as a field training officer, Troop B breath analyzer coordinator, backup pilot, computer (PC) coordinator, and troop exposure control coordinator. He was assigned to numerous details including the Missouri State Fair detail, the University of Missouri football detail, St. Louis Police detail, Olympic Festival detail in St. Louis, the National Governors' Association detail, and several manhunts. He served as an instructor for several recruit classes, assisting with DWI detection and breathalyzer certification. Rodney was involved in the Missouri State Troopers Association, and served as the Troop B chapter president.

He described his career as one that was fast and a great deal of fun. Rodney said he always enjoyed opportunities to help citizens and co-workers. He will always be known as a man of many talents and enterprising skills. Rodney is always eager to help others at the drop of a hat with anything from golf lessons, real estate, or construction projects.

He says his future plans consist of playing golf, working as a travel and real

estate agent, and—most importantly—taking care of domestic duties as directed by Andee.

Troop B will greatly miss Rodney and wish him a very long retirement.

Sergeant Larry D. Wolters



The Division of Drug and Crime Control announces the retirement of Sergeant Larry D. Wolters. Sgt. Wolters began his career with the Patrol on September 1, 1974, as a part of the 43rd Recruit Class, and graduated at the top of his class.

His first assignment upon graduation was Troop A, Platte County. During August 1980, he transferred from Troop A to Troop D, Dade/Cedar/St. Clair counties. He was promoted to corporal on June 1, 1989, and was reassigned as the commercial vehicle enforcement supervisor in September 1990. He was reassigned to Greene County as the assistant zone commander in September 1992. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant on July 1, 1994, and was assigned as the zone commander of Dallas/Hickory counties.

Sgt. Wolters participated in many internship programs to include the Field Operations Bureau, motor vehicle crimes investigation, Public Information and Education Division, and the Human Resources Division.

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During June 1998, Sgt. Wolters completed a 90-day internship with the Field Operations Bureau. Upon completion of the internship, Sergeant Wolters was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and assigned to the Field Operations Bureau. On October 1, 1999, he requested a personal transfer and was assigned to the Division of Drug and Crime Control's Troop D Criminal Investigation Unit. Sgt. Wolters served as a criminal investigator and polygraph examiner from October 1999 until his retirement on June 1, 2008.

Sgt. Wolters has served the Patrol with dignity and distinction for 34 years. He is married to Janice Wolters, and together they have two grown children. The members of the Division of Drug and Crime Control would like to wish Sergeant Wolters a long and healthy retirement.

Chief CVO David M. Barnhart



On April 1, 2009, after more than 39 years of dedicated service, Chief Commercial Vehicle Officer David M. Barnhart retired as an employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

David began his career with the Patrol in February 1970, as a weight inspector and was assigned to the scale house along Interstate 70, near Odessa, MO. In March 1974, he trans-

ferred to the Troop D Service Center, in Carthage, MO, where he was assigned as a communications specialist. In August 1997, David transferred back to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division and was assigned to the scale house along Interstate 44 in Newton County as a commercial vehicle officer. He was promoted to the rank of Supervisor I in January 2002, and to Supervisor II in March 2004. In September 2007, David was promoted to chief commercial vehicle officer for Troop D.

Originally from Butler, MO, David graduated from Butler High School in 1965. He served with the United States Air Force from 1965 until 1969, attaining the rank of sergeant. While in the Air Force, David was a loadmaster on C-130 transport aircraft and was stationed in Scotland, England, Germany, Ethiopia, and Korea. He also spent one tour of duty in Vietnam, assigned to Cam Ranh Bay.

David is married to the former Elaine Gilliam, also a native of Butler. They have three sons; Mike, who lives in Fayetteville, AR, Karl, who is a captain in the Air Force and stationed in San Antonio, TX, and Greg, who lives in Carthage. The Barnharts also have one grandchild.

The employees in Troop D wish David and Elaine a long and happy retirement. We appreciate the service you have provided to your community, to Troop D, to the citizens of the state of Missouri, and to your country.

Retiree News

Congratulations to retired Major L.E. "Gene" Lacy! He has been named director of the Missouri Alcohol and Tobacco Control Division. Major Lacy retired from the Patrol after over 30 years of dedicated service. After retirement, he worked as an industrial security specialist for Boeing in St. Louis. Congratulations, sir!

Telecom. Jeanette M. Chadwick



On May 1, 2009, after 12 years of dedicated service, Telecommunicator Jeanette M. Chadwick retired. She attended Central High School. Jeanette enrolled at Missouri State University and studied plant and soil science. She worked at Wal-Mart, and in March 1997, she began her career with the Patrol. Telecommunicator Chadwick has five grown children: David, Amy, Ivy, Mark, and Don. Congratulations, Jeanette!

Cook III Sharon L. Hawman



Cook III Sharon L. Hawman, a cook in the Training Division kitchen, retired May 1, 2009, after serving the Patrol for 18 years. Sharon's time in the Academy kitchen produced countless wonderful soups, salads, and deserts. But, as good

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as her cooking is, many Patrol employees remember Sharon from her former life: Prior to transferring to the kitchen, Sharon was the Academy "dorm lady" for 12 years. Sharon took tremendous care not only of her assigned floor, but also the students who inhabited it. The caliber of Sharon's work and her capacity to nurture were remarkable.

When Sharon joined the Patrol in 1991, she filled out a personnel questionnaire on which she wrote, "I would like to take good care of the MSHP Academy, so that the people trained here can make it a better world for all of us." Sharon certainly met her goal, and the Training Division is grateful to have had such a dedicated employee. We wish her a long and happy retirement!

Record Crowd Gathers For Retiree Breakfast

By Sgt. Julie A. Scerine, Troop C

On Tuesday, April 7, 2009, Troop C was honored to host its annual retiree breakfast for the retired



Troop C retirees enjoyed visiting the new troop headquarters for the annual breakfast.

members of Troop C, at the new Troop C Headquarters in Weldon Spring. The attendance was much larger by far than in years past, and the new facility was much more accommodating for those in attendance. Retired Sergeant Don Storie graciously blessed the breakfast with a prayer. As always, the clerical staff of Troop C went above and beyond preparing food and decorating for the event. A special thank you to Corporal Scott Ashby, who provided and prepared cinnamon rolls and scrambled eggs for everyone. Attendees traveled from as far as Mountain Home, AR! Those in attendance were retired members, civilians, uniformed civilians, and their spouses. Following the breakfast, attendees were given the opportunity to tour the new facility and range, and view new Patrol vehicles, such as the motorcycle, CVET vehicle, and the Mobile Command and Communication Unit from GHQ.

The annual retiree breakfast is an event that began in 2002, and was attended by seven retirees. It has grown into an enjoyable event of fellowship and food, which was attended this year by approximately 60 retirees.

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Deborah J. Burton

Chief DE, Troop E

Retired January 1, 2009.

23 years of dedicated service.



Frederick J. Wilde

CDL Exam. Aud., Troop C

Retired March 1, 2009.

8 years of dedicated service.



Albert L. Jones

Trooper, Troop G

Retired April 1, 2009.

26 years of dedicated service.



Raymond R. Oldsen

CVO II, Troop E

Retired April 1, 2009.

32 years of dedicated service.

New Employees



Douglas A. Butland
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop A



William S. Cantrell
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop D



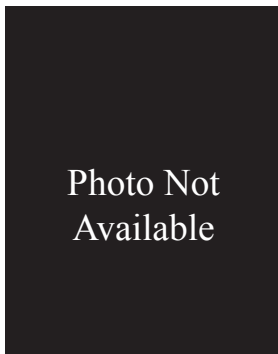
Timothy D. Dawson
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop B



Tracy A. Hux
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop H



Tabitha L. Parsons
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop E



Theresa L. Swigert
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop G



Shannon C. Turner
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop F



Linda R. Vannaman
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop H



Michele L. Cochran
Housekeeper III
Troop E



Kevin L. Creed
CIT I
Q/ISD



Richard A. Falk
CIT I
Q/ISD



Cheryl L. Fletcher
Clerk IV
Q/DDCC

New Employees



William Holloway
CIT III
Q/ISD



Ronald D. Kiekel
MVI I
Troop C



Justin E. Lacy
AFIS Entry Oper. II
Q/CRID



W. Curt Malzner
Housekeeper III
Q/MED



Heather A. Morris
Lab. Evid. Tech. II
Q/CLD



L. Mitch Rader Jr.
MVI I
Troop C



Bruce D. Tillman
DE I
Troop A



Cherlyn N. Wooten
AFIS Entry Oper. I
Q/CRID

July


July 3



July 13



- **Independence Day** observed.
- **Tpr. J.M. Greim** died in 1945.

 TRAFFIC FATALITIES				
Year to Date June 7, 2009	Same Period Last Year Year to Date	Number of Increase or Decrease	2007 Traffic Fatalities	2008 Traffic Fatalities
331	392	-61	992	960

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

Anniversaries

June

25 years

DE Sprv. Valerie J. Becker,
Troop A

15 years

Latent Tech. II Linda J. Bunyard
Sgt. Casey A. Jadwin, Q/DDCC
CDL Exam. Gina C. Talbert,
Troop D

10 years

Info Analyst II Jennifer J. Call,
Q/CRID
Chief MVI Jeffrey A. Towns,
Troop C

5 years

DE II Christopher A. Couch,
Troop F
CIT III Michelle J. Fooks,
Q/ISD
DE III Christina M. Johnson,
Troop D
Crim. Intel. Analyst I Nicholas J.
Borgmeyer, Q/MIAC
Clerk Typist III Krystalle C.
Stone, Troop D

July

30 years

Sgt. Steven R. Akridge, Q/GD
Major Robert E. Bloomberg,
Q/TSB
Sgt. David A. Booker, Q/GD
Sgt. Mikel A. Cool, Q/FOB
Sgt. Paul D. Cordia Jr.,
Q/DDCC
Crime Lab. Qual. Assur. Coord.
Thomas L. Grant, Q/CLD
Capt. Kim E. Hull, Q/CommD
Capt. Bradley W. Jones, Q/TFD
Cpl. Elmer W. Mann, Troop G
Lt. Thomas L. Meyer, Q/RDD
Sgt. Dennis A. Overbey,
Q/DDCC
Capt. Robert L. Powell, Troop A
Capt. Dale A. Schmidt, Troop F
Sgt. James M. Stuart, Q/DDCC
Lt. Robert F. Wolf, Troop C
Lt. Gregory L. Word, Q/AD

25 years

CVO II Tracy A. Hudson, Troop
G
Assistant Director James W.
Watkins, Q/MVI

20 years

Clerk IV Kerry L. Bax, Q/PIED
CVO Sprv. I Kyle E. Cullifer,
Troop B
Sgt. Michael A. Cunningham,
Q/GD
Sgt. Monte T. Delmain, Troop C
Capt. Lester D. Elder, Q/GD
Sgt. Richard C. Fletcher Jr.,
Troop A
Sgt. Matthew K. Funderburk,
Troop D
Sgt. Brian N. Harrell, Q/GD
Cpl. Perry C. Hazelwood III,
Troop E
Sgt. Jeffrey L. Heath, Q/DDCC
Sgt. Ricky D. Herndon, Q/DDCC
Lt. Hanne D. Hicks, Troop G
Sgt. Arie L. Hoard, Q/DE
Sgt. Gary S. Horton, Troop D
Lt. John J. Hotz, Q/PIED
Tpr. David L. Hughes, Q/GD
Sgt. Dwell T. Isringhausen,
Q/GSD
Tpr. Stephanie S. Markert,
Troop A
Sgt. Terry L. Mast Jr., Troop D
Sgt. Marc A. McCalister, Troop C
Lt. Larry W. Plunkett Jr., Troop F
Sgt. Dennis W. Rainey, Troop E
Sgt. Roger L. Renken, Q/DDCC
Lt. Gregory K. Smith, Q/FOB
Sgt. Jeffrey L. VanTress, Troop B
Lt. Jeffrey N. Vitale, Troop E
Cpl. Daniel P. Wohnoutka, Troop D

15 years

Cpl. Christine A. Bogart, Troop I
Sgt. Gary L. Braden, Troop D
Sgt. McDonald H. Brand,
Q/DDCC
Sgt. William P. Bremer, Troop A
Cpl. Mark G. Broniec, Troop F
MVI III Janna K. Clamme,
Troop I
Sgt. Cory W. Craig, Q/DDCC
Sgt. Charles J. Day, Q/TND
Sgt. Mark S. Dochterman, Q/PSD
Sgt. Brian S. Hagerty, Troop A
Cpl. Donald M. Hedrick, Troop I
Cpl. James T. Hedrick, Troop C
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv.
Thomas A. Hoelscher, Troop F
Cpl. Steven C. Jones, Troop D

Sgt. Kevin C. Kelley, Troop B
Sgt. Jeffery R. Kinder, Troop G
Sgt. Dennis L. Kuechler,
Troop D
Cpl. Ronald D. Kyle, Troop F
Sgt. Kevin M. Malugen, Q/FOB
Tpr. Mark C. Mason, Troop D
Tpr. Ronny L. Mast, Troop G
Sgt. James L. Musche, Q/DDCC
Tpr. Scott L. Nelson, Troop G
Cpl. John A. Oliveras, Troop C
Sgt. Jeffery M. Owen, Q/DDCC
Cpl. Jay A. Parsley, Troop E
Cpl. Mark A. Pate, Troop A
Cpl. Jeffery L. Prewitt, Troop D
Sgt. Mark B. Richardson,
Troop H
Sgt. David P. Roberts, Troop B
Cpl. James W. Robinson, Troop C
Tpr. Lowell W. Sanders, Troop G
Cpl. Kenneth J. Schulte,
Q/DDCC
Cpl. Thomas G. Sims, Troop A
Sgt. Perry L. Smith, Q/DDCC
Cpl. Eric R. Stacks, Troop F
Sgt. Thomas J. Stevens,
Q/DDCC
Sgt. Jason C. Weisacosky,
Q/DDCC
Tpr. Robert R. Wilkins, Troop D

10 years
Criminalist III Angela E.
Heckman, Q/CLD
Criminalist III Karen M. Hoover,
Q/CLD
Crimnalist Sprv. Joshua L.
Robertson, Q/CLD

5 years
Fingerprint Tech. II Amy M.
Barnes, Q/CRID
Prob. Comm. Tech. Kevin L.
Braun, Q/CommD
Criminalist III Jean L. Curtit,
Q/CLD
MVI III Troy M. Foley, Troop E
MVI III George J. Hollmann,
Troop C
Auto. Tech. III Randy J. Lehmen,
Q/MED
Scale Maint. Tech. Jackie A.
Martin, Q/CVE
Crim. Intel. Analyst I Chad J.
Mengwasser, Q/CRID

FFCU: We're Here For You!

By Tracy Higgins, FFCU

First Financial Credit Union is more than a place to put your money. Employees and credit union members are a *community*, one that supports, encourages, and cares! We have a small town feel, with the ability to take care of your big needs.

"FFCU remains strong and well capitalized in the midst of the financial crisis. While credit unions are not immune from the economy or the housing issues, we are in good standing following the Division of Credit Union examination and our 2008 audit from our outside CPA," said Marsha Borgmeyer, FFCU's president. "It is important that you keep in contact with the credit union over concerns you may have. As always, we are here to serve your needs and help you through these trying times."

In addition to reaching out to its members, FFCU employees are part of the community. Did you know FFCU raised \$2,400 for the American Heart Association last year? This year, the credit union is supporting Missouri Special Olympics and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital through fundraising efforts. FFCU is active with Partners in Education, MoDOT's Arrive Alive Program, the American Red Cross, and many other important programs as well.

Our credit union cares about its members, also. When Troop F cooked 600 pork steak meals to raise money for five-year-old Margaret Romph's family, we wanted to help. Recently, Colonel James F. Keathley, superintendent of the Patrol, sent a thank you letter to First Financial Credit Union. In it he wrote, "The generous donation from First Financial Credit Union helped to make this fundraising effort a tremendous success ... Your generosity will certainly help ease the burden on Margaret's [Romph] family."

In 2009, our fundraising efforts include:

- * Camp Package Raffle (Included tent, sleeping bags, camp stove, etc.)

- * Blue Jean Fridays – staff members pay to be able to wear blue jeans on Fridays.
- * FFCU will be selling Torch Run T-shirts as soon as the shipment arrives. (The Patrol had a table at our annual meeting on April 21, to promote fundraising efforts for Special Olympics.)

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

40 years ago

May 1969 – Troop E officers found phony checks, draft cards, voter registration cards, and liquor department identification cards in Nelson Caldwell's print shop in Poplar Bluff, MO. In addition, approximately \$3,000 in counterfeit bills was located during a search of the Caldwell home.

30 years ago

June 1979 – Two truckloads of records were seized from the City of Jefferson after it was alleged the city clerk embezzled \$80,000. The investigation resulted in 52 felony charges of stealing being filed against the city clerk, chief and assistant chief of the fire department, and one fireman. The investigation took 3,600 hours to complete.

20 years ago

May 1989 – Tpr. Jack McMullin, Troop D, was selected May 1989 State Employee of the Month. The award recognized Tpr. McMullin's drug interdiction abilities. In particular, a traffic stop that yielded 1,100 pounds of cocaine and two arrests. In 1988, Tpr. McMullin's traffic stops resulted in 22 arrests, more than 600 pounds of marijuana, 1,230 pounds of cocaine, 24 firearms, and over \$188,000 cash.

10 years ago

June 1999 – The 1998 awards banquet honored 19 employees. On the cover were Colonel Weldon L. Wilhoit and Trooper Ethan P. Ahern, who accepted a Valor Award.

5 years ago

May 2004 – State Representative Otto Bean presented a group of Troop E commercial vehicle officers and troopers with a Missouri House of Representatives resolution. The resolution recognized recent drug interdiction at E-2-N weigh station near Steele, MO. In a period of eight days, 2,500 pounds of marijuana was seized in three separate incidents. Each seizure began as a routine inspection.

Deaths

Taylor C. Hunt



Mr. Taylor C. Hunt, 49, of Rolla, MO, passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Taylor was born September 21, 1959, in Joplin, MO, the son of Bobby Dean and Ruth (Starne) Hunt. He was married on August 3, 1983, to Barbara Ann Hood, who survives.

Taylor's career with the Patrol began when he became a radio telecommunications technician at Troop C Headquarters in 1999. In May 2005, the Hunts moved to Rolla, where Taylor joined the staff of Troop I communicators. Prior to becoming a member of the Patrol, Taylor owned and operated Hunt's BBQ for 13 years in Joplin. He was also a volunteer firefighter and EMT in Carl Junction for eight years.

Taylor will always be remembered by his fellow workers as being both conscientious and professional. He was not only well versed on the duties of his job, but he always performed at his peak, no matter the time of day. Taylor was the type of individual who would never think twice about going the extra distance to help a fellow officer. When important upgrades were needed for the radio equipment used by the Troop I marijuana eradication officers, it was Taylor who volunteered to make sure the task was done properly. It was evident that he always looked upon the job of being an overseer of the officer's safety as an important priority.

Taylor was also a person who was able to combine his serious, strong

work ethic with an outgoing, jovial personality. He always greeted those who may be passing through the Troop I radio room with a big smile and a genuine "Howdy" that would make anyone's day just a little bit better. And, if time permitted, Taylor would ask about one's family and possibly share a funny or personal story. No matter the situation, Taylor maintained a positive look upon life and work. It was very evident that he loved his career with the Patrol and thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie of those he worked beside. When away from work, Taylor also remained active with re-modeling projects, vehicle restorations, or his favorite, attending his children's band and athletic events.

Work may have been an important part of Taylor's life, but it was a distant second to his family. Taylor and his wife, Barbara, were blessed with 25 years of marriage. Taylor will be missed very much by his daughter, Kelsey, and son, Keaton, of whom he was so very proud. Other survivors include his brother, Wayne Hunt, and his wife, Joyce, of Joplin; his sister, Kathy Bond, of Webb City, MO; grandparents Katherine and Beecher Campbell, of Oswego, KS; father- and mother-in-law, Gerald and Julia Hood, of Joplin; and numerous other family members.

Memorials are suggested to Barbara Hunt for the Keaton and Kelsey Hunt College fund.

James W. "Jim" Smith



James Wayne "Jim" Smith, 68, of Jefferson City, died at 2 a.m., on March 15, 2009, at his home.

Jim was born February 22, 1941, in St. Louis, the son of Charley Richard Smith and Dorothy Lee Kerley, both deceased. He was married on April 1, 1964, in Oakland CA, to Sharon Diane Bain, who survives at the home.

A resident of the Jefferson City area since 1970, Jim graduated in 1960, from Dixon High School in Dixon, MO. He served four years in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Ranger. Jim also worked for the United Telephone Company and the American Telegraph Company. After 33 years, he retired in July 2003, from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, where he worked in communications at Troop F, Jefferson City.

Jim enjoyed photography, art, and working with youth groups. He was both a 4-H leader and a Troop 10 scoutmaster. He was a member of the Jefferson City Art Club, and a founder of the Jefferson City Photography Club in 1985.

Other survivors include his three children and their spouses: Ernest W. Smith and Christina Horstman of Jenks, OK; Jason R. Smith and Katey Carter, of Holts Summit, MO; and Robert Winkelman and Jennifer C. Smith, of Tebbetts, MO. His surviving grandchildren include: Megan, Nathan, Danny, David, Matthew, and Beth Smith;

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At five minutes, six seconds after 4 a.m. on July 8, 2009, the time and date will read: 04:05:06 07/08/09. This won't happen again for 100 years.

Deaths

Christina and Cassy Smith, and Daniel Scurlock; and Lucas, Tanner, Skyler, and Cori Winkelman. He is also survived by his brother, Paul H. Smith, of Dixon, MO, and two sisters, Mrs. (Bill) Mary E. Askins, of Madison Heights, MI, and Mrs. (David) Shirley Sharp, of Rolla, MO.

Jim's internment was in the Seaton Cemetery, Maries County, Dixon, Missouri.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest sympathy to the Smith family.

(Editor's note: Thank you to the Smith family for providing this article.)

Ruby A. Rank



Ruby A. Rank, 75, of Jefferson City, died on Sunday, March 22, 2009, at Capital Region Medical Center. She was born May 14, 1933, in Wardsville, MO, a daughter of the late Otto Herman and Henrietta Kundagunda (Knorr) Rackers.

Ruby was a 1951 graduate of St. Peter's High School, and went on to attend Jefferson City Junior College. Many years ago, she worked for the American Legion in Jefferson City. She also worked for the Missouri Highway Patrol for 20 years, retiring as a Housekeeper III. She then found her dream job at Trinklein Nursery, where she worked for over 10 years with flowers and vegetables.

Ruby was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church and W.O.W. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and was

also a Jefferson City women's softball player, where she was a member of a state championship team. She was a coach for many softball teams. Ruby enjoyed doing many things in her life, including quilting, bowling for over 40 years, arrowhead hunting, flowers, gardening, fishing, mushroom hunting, watching NASCAR, and spending evenings with her bingo friends. Ruby was a blood donor for many years, and a donor to the Missouri Lion's Eye Bank.

She is survived by five children: Valerie Hawley (husband John), of Jefferson City; Michelle Smith (husband Michael), of Russellville; Andy Rank (wife Billie Boltin), of Jefferson City; Jeff Rank (wife Brandie), of Lohman; Jennifer May (husband Thomas), of Taos; seven grandchildren: Christy Mitchell (husband Trent), Madison, Devon, and Schelsea Smith, Hailee Rank, Bryan and Robyn May; one great-grandson: Jackson Mitchell; two sisters: Marion Rackers (Jay Shyrock) and Doris Smith (husband Charles B.); two brothers: Stanley Rackers and Harvey Rackers (wife Mary Dee); a dear friend: Sharon Rackers; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law: Vernon and Alice Rackers; a sister-in-law: Betty Rackers; and two nephews: Harry Rackers and Doug Smith.

A mass of Christian burial was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at St. Peter Catholic Church, with Msgr. Donald W. Lammers officiating. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Hope House at the American Cancer Society in St. Louis, MO; or the Ronald McDonald House in Columbia, MO.

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Harold M. Hall



Harold M. Hall, 76, of Branson, died on April 5, 2009, at Skaggs Regional Heath Center in Branson, MO. Services were held at 2 p.m. April 9, 2009, at the Branson United Methodist Church with Pastor Ross Fulton and Rev. Sam Kaunley officiating. Burial followed in Ozarks Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Greenlawn Funeral Home of Branson.

Harold was born January 15, 1933, in Camden County, the son of Robert Lee and Lucy C. Martin Hall.

He was a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 37 years, retiring in 1988 as sergeant of Zone 4 in Troop D. He served as Taney County commissioner for the Western District from 1991-1993. He was a member of the Branson United Methodist Church, College of the Ozarks Associates, and the Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society.

Survivors include his wife, Karen, of the home; children, Sherry Hall, of Forsyth, Jon Hall, of Iberia, Brenda Romine, of Branson, Mark Hall, of Branson, Greg Hall and Carol Hirsch, both of Springfield; brother, John Hall, of Pueblo, CO; sister, Mildred Cernoia, of Eldon; and 15 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Skaggs Foundation, P.O. Box 650, Branson, MO 65615.

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Deaths

Kenneth R. Ledbetter



Kenneth Ray Ledbetter, 62, of Jefferson City, died Monday, April 20, 2009, at Heisinger Bluffs. He was born February 5, 1947, in Kennett, to the late Virgil and Thelma Ledbetter. He married Claire Bailey in May 1975, in Poplar Bluff. She and daughters, Joy and Jill, reside in Jefferson City. Granddaughter Micah re-

sides in Laurie, MO.

He was a graduate of Hayti High School; college for Forensic Polygraph Examiner, Ottawa, Canada; Lincoln University; and the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Virginia. He began his career with the Missouri Highway Patrol on June 1, 1969 at the Patrol Academy in Rolla. He was assigned to Troop E at Dexter. He was a pilot in Troop E for several years, holding a commercial pilot's license with an instrument rating. In 1985, he transferred to the Troop F Division of Drug and Crime Control Unit. Ken was promoted to sergeant in July 1987.

In June 1990, Ken was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to the newly created Professional Standards Division where he served as an internal investigator. In 1994, he was placed in charge of staff inspections. Later that year, both he and the staff inspection function were moved to the Research and Development Division. In September 1998,

Ken retired from the Highway Patrol. Ken also served his country in the U.S. Naval Reserves for six years in the area of intelligence.

Ken failed retirement – he started his second law enforcement career as the asset protection team leader at the newly built Jefferson City Target. Another one of his “after retirement” jobs was minister of recreation at First Baptist Church, where he started the Upwards Basketball program. He most recently managed the License and Verification Office from 2005 - 2008.

A memorial was held on Saturday, April 25, at Southridge Baptist Church. Ken was a deacon and teacher at Southridge Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to Southridge Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 104234, Jefferson City, MO 65110.

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~ Thank You ~

Ashley and I would like to thank everyone in the Patrol family for all of your thoughts, prayers, and expressions of sympathy after the loss of Ashley's mother in February, and the loss of my grandfather in March. Your support has provided our family with great comfort over the past several months. We consider ourselves very fortunate to be part of such a wonderful and caring organization. Your kindness will always be remembered. Thank you, and God bless.

Cpl. Michael A. Halford, Troop F

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Our family and friends would like our Patrol family to know how much its kind, thoughtful words, prayers, and presence were appreciated for Katie Moses.

Our entire family often express their pride about their connection to the Patrol, and this is yet another example of why. Thank you for all that you do.

On behalf of the family of:
Tpr. Tyler Jenkins, Troop C
Lt. Ed Moses, retired

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My family and I would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, kind words, and prayers following the loss of my grandmother. I would also like to thank those who attended my grandmother's visitation and funeral. My family was extremely impressed by the compassion displayed by my Patrol family.

Thank you all,
Lt. Eric A. Tilford and family, Troop H

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My words are few, but my THANKS are enormous following the death of my dad. The prayers, cards, phone calls, and the attendance at the visitation and funeral have been a soothing comfort during this agonizing time. Unfortunately, over the past year, these “Thank Yous” are becoming too familiar for my family and me. Fortunately, I work for a very compassionate agency that has been with me throughout this trying year. I am at a loss for words to express to you all how much your support means to us. So, please accept my appreciation, which is given with the highest of regard and the deepest of feelings.

Clerk Typist III Cheryl Crocfer,
Q/ISD

Earth: Just A Google Away

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

At 3:03 a.m. on October 14, 2008, Fort Leonard Wood CID Agent Sparling contacted Troop D communications to request Troop D's assistance with a homicide investigation. Agent Sparling advised that they had a suspect in custody that had confessed to murdering his girlfriend and dumping her body in a rural area along Interstate 44 between the 112-mile marker and 100-mile marker. Troop D communications made contact with then-Lt. Juan Villanueva (now captain) and he advised them to call DDCC and Tpr. Robert W. Schafer.

During the process, the suspect gave several different stories. The last version was that the suspect was westbound on I-44 and took exit 100 at Marshfield, then went eastbound on the north outer road passing what the suspect thought was a power plant. (It was later determined to be Marshfield's wastewater treatment plant.) The suspect advised that he then went

southbound on a bridge that went over I-44 and he traveled a short distance and dumped her body in an abandoned shed.

Communications Operator II Russel A. Windle and Communications Operator III Katrina D. Gregg used the computer program Google Earth to help lead Tpr Schafer, Fort Leonard

Wood CID, and the Webster County Sheriff's Department to the general area of the shed described in the suspect's story. At 4:34 a.m., the officers located the body of the female in an abandoned shed at the southwest corner of the intersection of Plank School Road and Rifle Range Road northeast of Marshfield.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:

Criminalist II Matthew J. Fox
(Q/CLD) - grandfather
Comm. Oper. I Leslie A. Goedecke
(G) - brother
CVO Sprv. I Larry J. Sheehy (E) -
mother
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Donald R.
Sheehy (E) - mother
Prob. Comm. Oper. Adam E.
Whitton (E) - grandfather
Clerk Typist III Marlene M. Fraley
(A) - father
Tpr. Justin D. Piccinino (G) -
mother-in-law
CVO II Randy E. Fain (C) - mother-
in-law
Ret. Lt. Thomas J. Halford - father-
in-law
Cpl. Michael A. Halford (F) -
grandfather
Tpr. Matthew T. Halford (F) -
grandfather
CVO II Michael J. Clifton (H) -
grandmother
Lt. Eric A. Tilford (H) -
grandmother
Sgt. Eldon L. Grissom (B) -
grandfather
Tpr. Travis I Goolsby (H) -
grandmother-in-law
Comm. Oper. I Jennifer M.
Stephens (A) - grandmother
Chief DE Rebecca J. Strain (G) -
father

Ret. Sgt. Russell L. Morris - wife
Clerk Typist III Cheryl A. Crocfer
(Q/ISD) - father
Sgt. Timothy D. Peters (I) - father-
in-law
Chief Oper. Michael C. Markley
(D) - mother
Cpl. Rollie B. Skaggs (B) - father
Tpr. Russell W. Shaul (A) - father
Criminalist III Stacey Bolinger
(Q/CLD) - grandfather
Sgt. Gregory P. Martin (Q/DDCC)
- sister-in-law
DE III Dawna K. Martin (A) -
sister-in-law
Spec. Assistant Tamie L. Quigley
(Q/FOB) - father-in-law
MVI Chief Jonathan W. Butner (B)
- grandmother
Ret. Capt. Ronald P. Wiedemann -
mother
Comm. Oper. II James M. Parks
(F) - mother
Ret. MVI Trenneth Barton - aunt
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Roy D.
Barton (B) - aunt
DE Sprv. Cheryl K. Hudson (F) -
father
Sgt. Reginald M. Walker (E) -
grandmother
Ret. DE Sprv. Steve Boyles -
mother
Ret. Capt. Herschel Sisk - mother-
in-law

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K-9 Kai Retires After 6 1/2 Years

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Kids love dogs, especially police dogs. When Cpl. Matt Broniec, Troop F, and K-9 Kai talk to groups of children, their excitement is more than noticeable. Thus was the case on Friday, March 27, 2009, with Mrs. Maureen Rucker's second grade class, when they visited the Patrol's Safety Education Center. It would be Kai's last of numerous public appearances. He retired March 31.

Kai was content to munch on a toy while his handler spoke to the children. They learned that Kai was born in Czechoslovakia and flew to New York, then Texas, then Cape Girardeau, MO. He and Matt went to eight weeks of school with trainer Mike Ervin, so Kai could learn obedience, tracking, handler protection, and drug detection. The children were curious about the fact that Kai only responds to commands spoken in German.

They learned Kai is eight years old. "He's about your age, right?" brought chuckles from the children, who knew dog years are different from people years. They also found out that Kai has a very sensitive sense of smell.

After talking about Kai's training and abilities, the children wanted to know what would happen after March 31 when he was no longer working. Matt reassured the class that Kai would remain with him and his family. Matt has been a K-9 officer for 11 years.

During Kai's 6 1/2 years as a Patrol K-9, he was involved in numerous traffic stops, searches and public appearances such as this one.

Have a long, happy retirement, Kai!

(Editor's Note: The Patrol's K-9 unit now has six teams.)



(above) K-9 Kai joined Mrs. Maureen Rucker's class for a photo while they were visiting the Safety Education Center.

(left) K-9 Kai kept close watch on his favorite toy, which is being held by his handler, Cpl. Matt J. Broniec, Troop F.